

Weekly Bulletin

Term 2 Week 12 : Friday 24th March 2023

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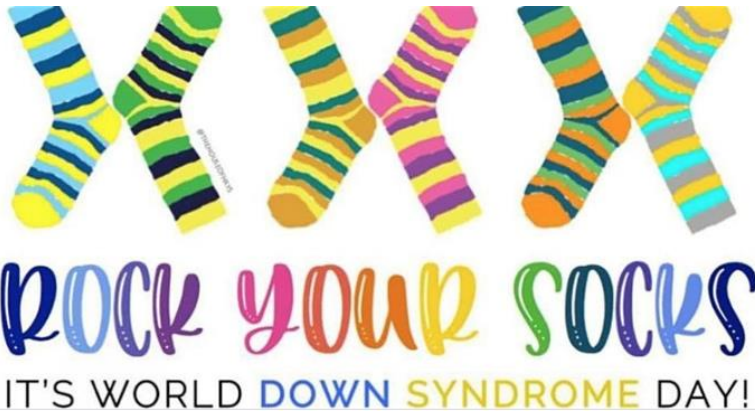
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Hello and welcome as always to our weekly newsletter.

This week we have had a super week with lots of great things happening around school - I really have enjoyed seeing such a wide range of great learning from practical maths investigations, great science discussions and experiments, to fantastic art work and so much more.

World Down Syndrome day - Tuesday 21st March 2023.

Thank you for helping us promote awareness on World Down Syndrome Day by letting the children 'Rock their Socks'



See our Twitter feed for more photos:

[Carlton Primary School \(@CarltonPS_SET\) / Twitter](https://twitter.com/CarltonPS_SET)

Leopards and Lions are sounding incredible. Next week they are performing their version of Cinderella to the school (Wednesday afternoon) and to parents at 5.30pm on Wednesday 29th evening. I have heard snippets this week and it is sounding fabulous – I can't wait to see it in its entirety next week! As always Mrs Peirce has taken photos of the children in costumes and will be selling these on the day of the performance as a Friends fundraiser. Raffle tickets will also be available. We look forward to seeing parents/family members of the children in Leopards and Lions classes on Wednesday!

Miss Gray's Song and Dance club: On Thursday after school, Miss Gray's ensemble from her after school club showcased and shared their moves to 'Flowers' by Miley Cyrus. Such a great collective effort and super mini-performance! Well done all.

Cheetahs Church visit: Reception children from Cheetahs class had a super visit to St Mary's Church on Monday. The children loved learning about baptisms, about the church building itself and listening to the church bells ring. They even got to play the organ! Thank you to Reverend Becky for facilitating the visit and thanks too to the volunteers who helped get the children to and from the church safely. A lovely visit for the children.

Absence: We have had a lots of pupil and staff absence this week – well wishes to everyone who has not been well! Well wishes to Mrs Smith and Miss Jackson for full and speedy recoveries.

Important info school debt. At the point of writing this newsletter the current debt to school for lunches and Carlton Owls is a staggering £1140 – as a small school we cannot cover this cost and need everyone to contribute fairly. If you have any arrears with us please do make a payment, and/or if needed please speak to the admin team or myself to have a discussion about a payment plan.

Assessments

Across school the children have been completing their PUMA tests (Maths) and PIRA tests (Reading) as part of our end of term assessments. This is part of a long standing termly data collection to monitor progress and attainment. It has been great seeing children trying their best and approach these tests with great attitudes.

In May Year 6 pupils (from Tigers class) take their Key Stage 2 National Curriculum tests or SATs (week beginning Tues 9th May) . In addition, Year 2 children (Leopards class) will be completing their end of Key Stage 1 assessments the following week (Monday 15th May). Both of these sets of standardised tests are compulsory and taken by all pupils across the country.

Year 6: Miss Craven and team, and of course the pupils themselves, have been working hard as we start to prepare for these important assessments. Unlike some schools we have ensured the children still have access to a rich, broad and balanced curriculum rather than purely focusing on Reading, Writing, and Maths. However, we are now also giving the children opportunities to complete practise papers, in order for them to experience the style of questions and gain familiarity of the experience, so that they can give their best account of themselves in the formal tests. We want the children to be prepared but not daunted or worried – we want them to be able to showcase their talents and show what they know!

It is really important that both Year 2 and Year 6 pupils have particularly excellent attendance over the next few weeks either side of the Easter break.

Easter plans

As outlined last week we have a variety of Easter celebrations planned next week:

- Church Visit: On Tuesday 28th March 2023 at 2.00pm we are visiting St Mary's Church in Carlton for an Easter Assembly and service with Reverend Becky. We will again welcome volunteers to help walk with us to church and back. Please let the office know if you are able to help. We will be departing school at approx. 1.40/1.45pm.
- Egg Decorating Competition: We are holding a 'Easter Egg decorating competition' again this year. This will be a chance, for those who wish to participate, to decorate hard boiled eggs at home, in any style or form they wish.
We are making it easier this year and just having prize winners for each class - regardless of whether the children have done them with support from adults or independently.
We will be asking for the decorated eggs to be brought in Thursday 30th March. Judging will take place on Friday 31st March and winners will be announced that same day – this is the last day of term.

- Easter raffle – Mrs Pierce has organised a Friends’ Easter Raffle. All money raised will be spent directly on the children in school. For example, funding the Easter Bunny’s visit!

Tickets went on sale from Monday 20th March - £1 per entry and are still available. Please send any money for tickets in a named envelope to your child's teacher. In return for every £1 received we will enter your child's name into a prize draw.

3 super prizes including lots of Easter goodies.



The winner will be drawn on Friday 31st March and winners will be informed

- In other Easter activities Carlton playgroup are once again holding their Easter Egg Hunt This is on Sunday 26th March 11-2pm.

Important News & Reminders:

- Midday Supervisors (MSAs) We are looking for a new MSA to join the team. If you would like to find out more about the MSA position please speak to the admin team or me.
- We have changed where our website is hosted. Our website has simply switched to

[Carlton Primary \(setschools.uk\)](http://Carlton Primary (setschools.uk)) or <https://carltonprimary.setschools.uk/>

Our old address will automatically redirect, and all directories, letterheads, emails footers etc have the new address on.

- Safeguarding website link:

As always in the newsletter we like to revisit and share important information. I recently visited this website which is a great resource for parents for all things safeguarding. It includes helpful guides for online safely, screen time, and much more and is well worth looking at!

[Home \(lgfl.net\)](http://Home (lgfl.net) – safeguarding info for parents) – safeguarding info for parents

Likewise the NYSCB website is always a good place for information:

[NYSCP \(safeguardingchildren.co.uk\)](http://NYSCP (safeguardingchildren.co.uk))

Key dates:

- *Sunday 26th March Carlton Playgroup's Easter Egg Hunt – 11-2pm*
- Tuesday 28th March 2.00pm – Easter Service at St Mary's, Carlton
- Wednesday 29th March 5.30pm - Year 2 Leopards and Year 3&4 Lions Production performance for parents and families
- Friday 31st March - last day of term2 - break up for Easter holidays
- Monday 17th – Selby Educational Trust Training day – school closed to pupils
- Tuesday 18th April: Children return to school
- Save the date: 11th June Sunday 1-4pm - Friends' Summer fayre – with stalls, live entertainment and lots more!

Future Term dates:

- A reminder that this year there are 3 bank holidays in May2023:
- Monday 1st, Monday 8th (additional for King Charles' Coronation) and 29th May (within May Half term).
- May Half term is Monday 29th to Friday 2nd June, with children returning on Monday 5th June.
- The final half term of the year ends for the summer break on Friday 21st July 2023

All dates can be found on our website: [Term Dates – Carlton Primary \(setschools.uk\)](https://www.setschools.uk/term-dates)

School Rules and Good Behaviour: Here at Carlton Primary we have 3 very simple and effective rules and high expectations for behaviour. Please support us by reinforcing the importance of following rules, and being the best version of yourself with your child(ren). Thank you.



Next week we are holding our 4th Good to be Gold celebration event of the year, having reached our whole school target total of 50 Gold points. Well done to everyone who has contributed, individually and collectively, especially those people who have demonstrated 'gold' behaviour each and every week.

Out of school achievements:

I have had the pleasure of sharing lots of out of school achievements with you and the children over the last few weeks. This week I am pleased to share information about two talented gymnasts.



Sisters Ava- Grace and Evelyn have been working hard and earlier this month took part in a gymnastics competition – with both girls winning medals and ribbons.

Ava-Grace came 2nd in tumble track, 4th in floor routine and 5th at vault. She came 3rd overall in her group. Evelyn came 6th in floor, 5th in tumble track and 6th overall in her group. Very well done girls.



Have a great weekend! Thank you as ever for your support of our school.

Regards and best wishes

Jon Watson

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